

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (*Currently Amended*) A seal for an endless track of a construction vehicle to be mounted between a bushing and a bottom surface of a counter bore of a link of said endless truck, said seal ~~having an axis and being annular about said axis~~, comprising:

an axis wherein said seal is annular about said axis;

~~wherein said seal has~~ a cross section having a centerline parallel to said axis of said seal and a configuration symmetric with respect to said centerline; ~~;~~

an elastically deformably configured portion having a cross section like alphabetical letter X and being elastically deformed when compressed in an axial direction of said seal; and

a protrusion extending from an intersection of legs of said letter X in a bushing-side direction farther than a plane connecting bushing-side end portions of the legs of said letter X,

wherein said protrusion has an end surface parallel to said plane connecting bushing-side end portions of the legs of said letter X and said protrusion contacts said bushing at said end surface when said seal is mounted to said endless track.

2. (*Cancelled*).

3. (*Currently Amended*) A seal according to claim 2 1, further comprising:

an embedding portion embedded in a space between said legs of said letter X, on a bushing-side of said intersection of said legs of said letter X and on an intersection-side of said plane connecting bushing-side end portions of the legs of said letter X, with a seal material.

4. (*Original*) A seal according to claim 1, wherein the seal includes an elastomer.

5. (*Original*) A seal according to claim 1, wherein the seal has a generally X-shaped cross-section.

6. (*Currently Amended*) A seal for an endless track of a construction vehicle, the seal being mounted to the endless track and being elastically deformable along an axial direction of the seal into a compressed state, the seal comprising:

right and left bushing-side portion of legs extending in a direction toward a bushing and outwardly away from one another; and

right and left opposite bushing-side portions of the legs extending in a direction away from the bushing and outwardly away from one another; ; and

a protrusion extending from an intersection of the legs in a bushing-side direction farther than a plane connecting bushing-side end portions of the right and left bushing-side portions of the legs, said protrusion having an end surface parallel to said plane such that said end surface contacts said bushing when said seal is mounted to said endless track.

wherein the right and left bushing-side portion of the legs are moved to be adjacent the right and left opposite bushing-side portions of the legs, respectively, when the seal is elastically deformed in the compressed state thereof.

7. (*Original*) A seal according to claim 6, further comprising an elastically deformably configured portion having a cross section like alphabetical letter X and being elastically deformed when compressed in an axial direction of said seal when said seal is in the compressed state thereof.

8. (*Cancelled*).

9. (*Original*) A seal according to claim 6, further comprising an embedding portion embedded in a space between right and left bushing-side portions of the legs, on a bushing-side of said intersection of the legs and on an intersection-side of said

plane connecting bushing-side end portions of the right and left bushing-side portions of the legs, with a seal material.

10. (*Original*) A seal according to claim 6, wherein the seal includes an elastomer.

11. (*Original*) A seal according to claim 6, wherein the right and left bushing-side portions of the legs and the right and left opposite bushing-side portions of the legs are constructed and arranged such that the seal has a generally X-shaped cross-section when the seal is in the free, uncompressed state thereof.